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**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2827**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2553

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masaaki HATANO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2827
Application No.: 09/816,177 /) Examiner: Mitchell, James M.
Filed: March 26, 2001)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 18, 2002, Applicants propose
amending this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 14 and amend claims 1, 15, 16, 21 and 22 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
a Cu film provided above a main surface of a semiconductor substrate and used
as a wiring;

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